

Year 3/4 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Friday 6th June - Sports Day (pm)

Tuesday 24th June - Year 3/4 to Mass at St Francis

Tuesday 1st July - Year 3 to Mass at St Francis

Wednesday 2nd July - Romans trip

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June - Class swap over days

Wednesday 9th July - Mrs Newham's Coffee Afternoon for Bumblebee Conservation Trust

A message for parents

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and are ready for the term ahead.

We are all really excited to get started with all our fabulous subjects which are detailed below. Forest school will continue to be on a Monday afternoon so please make sure wellies and appropriate clothing are in school on these days. PE will be on Mondays AND Thursdays this year so correct PE kits will need to be in school for both days so we suggest bringing in a PE kit on a Monday and leaving it all week. Forest school kit can stay in school all half term.

It really helps us to keep everyone's belongings safe and return lost items if they are labelled with your child's name so please make sure all items are labelled. Please note that pencil cases, including everlasting pencils, and over-sized water bottles (e.g. Stanley style) are not allowed in school as we are really limited on space. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support with any of the above.

Many thanks, Mrs Newham, Mrs Oldershaw and Mrs Young.

Writing

This half term, we will be using two texts:
Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit and The Journal of Iliona – A Young Slave by Richard Platt. We will use these texts as inspiration for all our writing across the half term.

Children will have the opportunity to write a historical retell and an informal letter from Iliona's point of view.

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Maths

This term, Year 3 will be completing White Rose blocks on: Shape, Time and Statistics.

Year 3/4: Money, Shape, Position and direction and Statistics.

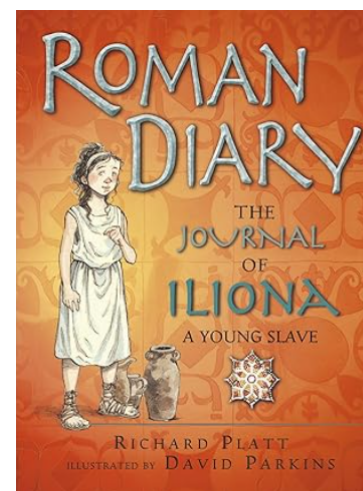
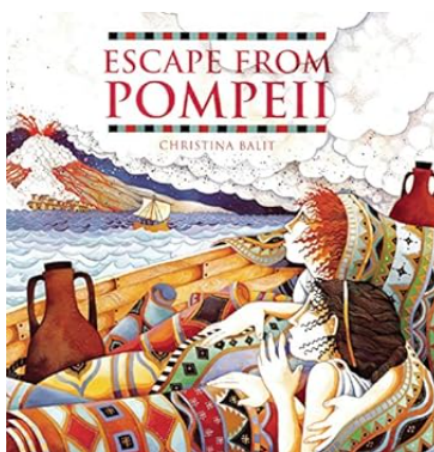
Year 4: Time, Shape, Position and direction and Statistics.

They will also continue their CLIC sessions to recall and retrieve basic skills in maths.

Reading

This term, we will be identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books and predicting what might happen from details stated and implied.

Texts



RE

This term our RE topic is called Dialogue and Encounter. The children will learn about Islam including the Holy book, place of worship and the Five Pillars of Islam.

Science

This term, Year 3/4 will finish their studies on plants and learn about forces, magnets and sustainability.

The children will explore forces and plan and conduct a friction experiment. They will also identify magnets including magnetic and non-magnetic materials and will investigate materials using magnets. Finally the children will learn what biodiversity is and how we can increase it in our local area.

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Geography

Computing

Year 3 will be exploring Scratch. The children will explain how a sprite moves in an existing project and create a program to move a sprite in four directions. They will also identify and fix bugs in a program and design and create a maze-based challenge.

This term, Year 4 will also explore Scratch. In this unit, the children will learn how to develop the use of count-controlled loops in a different programming environment and explain that in programming there are infinite loops and count-controlled loops. They will also design a project that includes repetition.

Art

This half term we will explore Power Prints.

The children will learn how to draw using tone to create a 3D effect as well as explore tone and proportion when drawing. They will also use shading techniques to create pattern and contrast and finally work collaboratively to develop drawings into prints.

PSHE

Our Year 4 topic in PSHE is 'Life Cycles'.

Year 4 children will learn that we are handmade by God with the help of our parents and know what the Christian faith says about death and eternal life as well as strategies on how to deal with grief.

History

This term, we are exploring The Roman Empire and Roman Britain.

The children will learn how Romans soldiers were equipped for war and understand Roman army battle formations.

They will also learn about the Roman legacy in Britain and understand the resistance that the Romans met in Britain.

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PE

This term Year 3, we will be exploring tennis and basketball. The children will learn to hit the ball accurately as well as develop their throwing skills.

Year 4 will be exploring tennis and cricket. The children will learn to bat and field accurately as well as develop their throwing and catching skills.

Forest Schools

This half term, pupils will continue to develop their skills with knots, rules, nature art and den building, as well as developing their skills when using a range of tools.

Please ensure that children have brought a pair of wellies (with socks) to keep at school for Forest Schools. Please also remember the children will continue to need their arms and legs covered for each session.

French

This term will explore food chains. In our French lessons, we will learn new vocabulary, like 'un chat' (a cat) and 'une pomme' (an apple).

The children will confidently present their sentences in class, using accurate pronunciation. We will also gather new words from the dictionary and find alternative vocabulary, ensuring everyone expresses themselves well.